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PETITION FOR FILING DATE

We respectfully request a Filing Date of September 3, 2003 for this application.

This is in response to the Notice of Incomplete Non-provisional Application dated November 24, 2003. Exhibit A. The Notice indicates that no drawings were received.

On September 3, 2003, Applicant submitted the Application (including the five pages of drawings) to the Commissioner of Patents via Express Mail. Exhibit B. The certificate of express mailing indicates that the Application was deposited on September 3, 2003 and the express mail number is indicated on the drawings. Exhibit B.

Additionally, we received the postcard from the Patent Office indicating that the five pages of drawings were received and a filing date and serial number was assigned. Exhibit C.

In the alternative, please accept the attached drawings (Exhibit D) to complete the file and assign us this date as our filing date.

Favorable and prompt consideration is respectfully requested.

It is believed that no fee should be due, because as shown above the drawings were properly submitted on the filing date. However, if any fees or extensions are due, please charge all fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1482.

Respectfully submitted,

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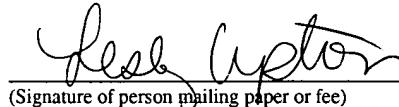
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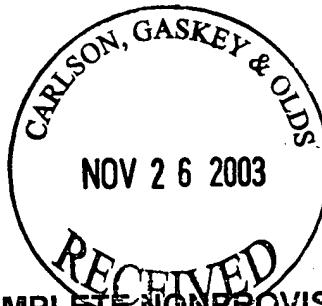


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## NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)). Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(h)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition. Petitions should be mailed to: Mail Stop Petitions, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

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